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TELEPHONE CALL FROM ALLEN DULLES

AWD asked if there were any problems and the Sec. said AWD's friend Willauer is making a new one. What is the matter with him? AWD said we threw him out. The Sec. said he has not seen the correspondence. The Sec. referred to the story in the Star. AWD said he told Hoover about it. If he has gone to the press, AWD said that about finishes him. AWD told Willauer to see Henderson. The Sec. said he is seeing Hoover tomorrow morning. AWD told Herb he has quite a Tartar on his hands. The Sec. mentioned AWD's predecessor as the reason he is on our hands. AWD said he will drop around to chat with the Sec. sometime.

AWD said he just finished the estimate on Vietnam. There is pretty much agreement. The Sec. asked how urgent it is. AWD said it is not a matter of days but he does not think we can wait many weeks. The Sec. said the British came in today to say they think it more urgent than we seem to feel. AWD said we can't do something half-baked. If we have a good solution, put it through quickly. Diem is losing strength all the time. AWD said he will get the estimate over.

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